

## Message Text

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FOR OIM FROM IMC

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: BEXP, AS  
SUBJ: STATUS OF IMC

REF: A) SYDNEY 2569  
B) SYDNEY 2617

1. NEGOTIATIONS AT CONSULATE GENERAL WITH T & G REPRESENTATIVES RESULTED IN FURTHER DELAYS IN IMC GAINING ACCESS TO EXHIBITION AREA FOR PURPOSES OF STARTING CONSTRUCTION. AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THIS LATEST DELAY THEY INDICATED ACCESS TO THE BUILDING BY APRIL 18. ON ASSUMPTION THAT COMMERCE DESIRES ASSURANCE THAT A PERMANENT IMC SITE WILL BE IN OPERATION HERE BY THE ORIGINAL TARGET DATE OF JUNE 1978 WE SUGGEST ALTERNATE SITE BE SELECTED WHERE ACCESS IS INSTANTANEOUS. WE WOULD HAVE NO WAY OF ENFORCING T & G'S PROMISE OF THE APRIL 18 DATE. FURTHER, THEY ARE ASKING IMC TO SIGN A LEASE PRIOR TO ACCESS BEING GRANTED AND TO PROCEED WITH CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS FOR OFFSITE PREFABRICATION SO THAT AN ACCELERATED CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE COULD BE MET IF ACCESS IS GRANTED ON APRIL 18.

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2. THIS WOULD PLACE THE DEPARTMENT IN A POSITION OF INVESTING A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME WHICH WE COULD NOT REGAIN AND MONEY WHICH WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO REGAIN BASED SOLELY ON THE WORD OF THE T & G REPRESENTATIVES. SO FAR OUR EXPENDITURES ON T & G SPACE HAS BEEN MINOR BEING LIMITED TO DOLS 9,000 FOR ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS.

3. DETAILS OF ALTERNATE SITES HAVE BEEN AIRMAILED TO TONY DISTEFANO OF OIM. IF THE DEPARTMENT CONCURS THAT WE ABANDON THOUGHTS OF MOVING THE IMC TO THE T & G BUILDING IF WE ARE NOT GRANTED ACCESS BY JANUARY 15, 1978, THEN DISTEFANO'S EARLY JANUARY ARRIVAL IN SYDNEY WILL ENABLE HIM TO RECOMMEND AN ALTERNATE SITE. WE CAN THEN START NEGOTIATIONS IN JANUARY WITH A VIEW TO GUARANTEEING A COMPLETED CENTER SOMETIME IN JUNE.

4. IMC IS IN POSSESSION OF COMMITMENT FROM T & G TO ALLOW IMC TEMPORARY OFFICE TO REMAIN IN THE T & G BUILDING ON A MONTH TO MONTH BASIS REGARDLESS OF THE FINAL LOCATION OF THE IMC.  
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